GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:422
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CENTRALLY ASSISTED IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a)Whether about 150 centrally assisted ongoing irrigation projects are lying incomplete despite being in the priority list of the Union Government;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) The details of the expenditure incurred thereon so far, State-wise;

(d) Whether 29 of those projects brought in the ambit of fast track projects in 2002 have not been competed so far;

(e) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) The steps taken by the Government to ensure completion of these projects expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.422 for answer on 15.05.2006 regarding Centrally Assisted Irrigation Projects

(a) to (c) The details of 200 major/medium irrigation projects which have received Central Loan Assistance/grant under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme since 1996- 97 upto 2005-06 are as under:

Completed	Deferred	Ongoing	Total
Normal	34	11	113	158
Fast Track	16	0	26	42
Total	50	11	139	200

The State-wise and project-wise details of Central Loan Assistance / grant released and expenditure incurred under AIBP for normal and fast track projects are given in the Annexure-I.

(d)Out of 42 fast track projects / project components, 12 have been completed on schedule and 4 have been completed with delay of one to two years. Out of the remaining 26 ongoing projects/ project components, 13 are on schedule and 13 are likely to be delayed by one to three years. The details are given in Annexure-II.

(e)Irrigation is a State subject and the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irritation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments based on their priorities. The important reasons for delay in completion of the projects are inadequate provisions of funds in State Budget, delay in transfer of funds to the executing agencies and delay in land acquisition along the Canals.

(f)The revised guidelines of the programme specify that the Central Assistance provided along with the State share must be transferred to the project authorities within 15 days and the State should ensure adequate budget provision. The general monitoring of the projects has been strengthened.